



Parent Forum Feedback from Thursday 7th July 2016

You Said...

We Did...

<p>You found the presentation given by Mrs Sanderson with regards to assessment, target setting and understanding your child's progress very useful. You agreed that there are huge challenges ahead due to the national changes and were keen to offer support wherever you could. You also believe it is important that dialogue remains open with Parents/Carers to ensure they are equipped with the knowledge to understand how their child is doing.</p> <p>You were also encouraged by the proposed changes to our reporting system and would welcome the launch of SIMs Learning Gateway, however you will withhold judgement on this as previous attempts to launch this system have not been successful.</p>	<p>We are pleased you found the presentation helpful and agree that there are challenging times ahead. We recognise our responsibility to keep Parents/Carers informed and this is at the forefront of Mrs Sanderson's plan moving forward.</p> <p>Whilst we were unsuccessful in launching SIMs Learning Gateway previously, it is very much our intention to get it right this time and we look forward to updating you as the process progresses.</p>
<p>AGM Items.</p> <p>You agreed the constitution remains in place for the forthcoming year, including the previous change to allow "Friends of Oulder Hill" to form part of the group.</p> <p>Officers voted in for academic year 2016-2017 are as follows.</p> <p>Chair—Mr D. Armitage Vice Chair—Mrs A. McFarlane Treasurer—Mrs J. Pickles (see below) Secretary—Mrs G. Corlett</p> <p>You agreed that the Treasurer role was a significant commitment for one person to continue to undertake and decided that we will revisit this role at the first meeting of next year to try and disseminate some of the responsibilities to ease the pressure on the current post holder.</p>	<p>We are delighted with the stability brought by the appointments but agree that the Treasurer post is indeed the most demanding and contingency planning is now required, not only to support the current post holder but also to plan for her succession in the future.</p> <p>The school would like to place on record its huge gratitude for the work of all members but in particular the non-staff post holders who have supported the aims of the group so impressively over the last few years.</p>
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<p>You were pleased with the progress made on the projects you have funded and were looking forward to the Parent Forum organised Pre-Prom party on Thursday 14th July.</p>	<p>We are delighted with your ongoing support for projects in our school. The funding you have provided over a sustained period of time has been invaluable and provided even greater opportunities and experiences for our Students, thank you.</p>
<p>You updated us that the closing amount in the Parent Forum account for the academic year was £735.14.</p>	<p>This is a fantastic amount to have for the start of next year, particularly given the huge amount of financial support you have provided this year to various projects.</p>
<p>You were keen to be part of the upcoming Head Boy and Head Girl interviews depending on timings and availability around work and other commitments.</p>	<p>We would be delighted if the Parent Forum could once again be represented in this process. Please contact Mrs Corlett for further information and to confirm availability.</p>
<p>You were pleased to hear that a SEND Parent Forum would be starting in the coming weeks to support those Parents and Carers whose children have or may have special education needs and/or disabilities.</p>	<p>We are also delighted by this development and feel it will be a very important addition to our school calendar for both staff, students and families alike.</p>

On behalf of all the Staff and Students of Oulder Hill, I would like to thank all the Parents and Carers who have attended and supported the Parent Forum throughout another fantastic year. The group is now a fundamental part of our school, raising much needed funds and contributing to school improvement for the benefit of all.

Thank you to those Parents/Carers who have been with us from the start, five years ago. Your commitment and dedication is unbelievable and the school will be indebted to you for many years to come. To those who are staying with us we are delighted we can continue our journey together. To those of you who are moving onto new challenges, thank you for everything you have done, we wish you and your families the very best for the future and hope you stay in touch.

To our members whose time with us is only in its infancy, we have thoroughly enjoyed working with you to this point, it is now our responsibility to continue the excellent work of the past five years and take the Parent Forum onto the next level, I for one am looking forward to facing that challenge with you.

To any potential new members. Being part of this wonderful group is something that enables you to have a unique opportunity to shape the school which your son/daughter attends and be part of something that makes a genuine difference to hundreds of young peoples lives. Come and join our journey and make that difference. We wish you all a thoroughly enjoyable summer and look forward to working with you again next year.

Very best wishes
Mr D. Armitage
Assistant Head

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